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Agenda of the Legal and Technical Commission

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Election of the Chair and the Vice-Chair.

A. Activities of the contractors

4. Report on the status of the contracts for exploration.
5. Status of the implementation of training programmes under plans of work for exploration and the allocation of training opportunities.
6. Consideration of additional measures to improve efficiency in the current process for reviewing annual reports.
7. Consideration of the annual reports of contractors.
8. Report on the periodic reviews of the implementation of plans of work for exploration.

B. Applications for approval of plans of work for exploration

9. Consideration of applications for approval of plans of work for exploration, if any.[1]

C. Regulatory activities of the Authority

10. Consideration and adoption of the draft regulations on the exploitation of mineral resources in the Area.

[1] Applications for approval of plans of work for exploration, if any, will be considered in the order of their receipt.

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11. Review of the recommendations for the guidance of contractors for the assessment of possible environmental impacts arising from the exploration for marine minerals in the Area.

D. Environmental management planning

12. Review of the implementation of the Environmental Management Plan for the Clarion-Clipperton Fracture Zone and development of other environmental management plans in the Area.

E. Data management

13. Implementation of the data management strategy of the Authority.

F. Matters referred to the Commission by the Council

14. Issues related to the sponsorship by States of contracts of exploration in the Area, with particular attention to the test of effective control, as well as issues related to monopolization of activities in the Area, taking into consideration, in particular, the concept of abuse of a dominant position.

15. Issues relating to the operation of the Enterprise, in particular the legal, technical and financial implications for the Authority.

16. Review of the provisions of the regulations on prospecting and exploration relating to the option of offering an equity interest in a joint venture arrangement, with a view to aligning all regulations in that respect and to making a recommendation thereon for consideration by the Council at its next session.

17. Issues associated with the conduct of marine scientific research in exploration areas.

G. Other matters

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